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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: UN PARTICIPATION IN JERUSALEM POLITICAL
COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: (A) USUN 117, (B) TEHRAN 442

1. FOR PAST SEVERAL DAYS TOP EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN ANNOYED AT UN SYG WALDHEIM'S ATTITUDE TOWARD UPCOMING JERUSALEM TALKS. SADAT, VP MUBARAK, FONMIN KAMEL AND MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI HAVE ALL EXPRESSED THEIR ANNOYANCE. EGYPTIAN ACTING PERMREP HAS REPORTED FROM NEW YORK RATIONALE FOR WALDHEIM'S RELUCTANCE, BUT AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED IT IS VIEWED HERE AS UNJUSTIFIED CONCERN OVER SOVIET AND SYRIAN REACTION. ON ONE OCCASION GHALI MADE THE COMMENT TO ME THAT MOST OF THE TIME PARTIES TO A CONFLICT WANT TO KEEP THE UN OUT WHILE IT IS SCRAMBLING TO GET IN; ON THIS OCCASION, THE PARTIES WANT THE UN IN, BUT WALDHEIM PREFERS TO OPT OUT.

2. EGYPTIANS HAVE ASKED FOR OUR HELP IN PERSUADING WALDHEIM TO RECONSIDER AND I HAVE KEPT THEM INFORMED OF OUR EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL LAST
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NIGHT, I TELEPHONED FONMIN KAMEL TO TELL HIM THAT SYG HAS NOW AGREED PERMIT SIILASVUO ATTEND JERUSALEM MEETINGS AS AN OBSERVER.

3. KAMEL WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THIS AND VIEWED IT AS A RESULT OF OUR EFFORTS. HE ASKED THAT I CONVEY GOE'S THANKS TO THE SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG FOR THEIR

EFFORTS. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED UN REP TO
ATTEND AS FULL PARTICIPANT, BUT UN OBSERVER IS BETTER
THAN NOTHING. EILTS

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